**Doctor-population ratio**

1129. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ratio of doctor to population is below the ratio maintained in foreign countries;

(b) if so, the steps taken to improve the ratio;

(c) whether migration of doctors to foreign countries is one of the reasons; and

(d) if so, the steps taken by Government to discourage brain-drain of doctors?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) to (d) As per the Medical Council of India, the allopathic doctor-population ratio at present works out to 1:1722. In addition, there are more than 6 lakhs practitioners of Indian Systems of Medicine and Homoeopathy in the country. Taking all these numbers together, the doctor-population ratio comes to more than 128 doctors per lakh population (1: 781). There are 262 Medical Colleges with annual intake of around 29,500 students. As existing in other professions, even in medical sector, some doctors resort to migration abroad for improvement in one's prospects for professional, academic and financial considerations, which is a common feature in a number of countries.

**E-tendering for supply of medicines**

†1130. MISS ANUSUIYA UIKEY:
SHRI RUDRA NARAYAN PANY:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether inviting of tender through E-tendering have been started from registered traders for supply of medicines in district hospitals;

(b) whether the said process has been found successful;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor; and

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.